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a combined hypertext transport protocol (HTTP) server and SNMP manager, wherein the combined HTTP server and SNMP manager only accesses said configuration data by communicating with said SNMP agent; and

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a combined text-interface generator and HTTP client, wherein the combined text-interface generator and HTTP client only accesses said configuration data by requesting said combined HTTP server and SNMP manager to communicate with said SNMP agent, so that all safety mechanisms are built into the SNMP agent to enhance security.

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40. (Previously Added) The access device of claim 39, wherein:

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the combined HTTP server and SNMP manager generates hypertext mark-up language (HTML) documents that include anchors that contain identifiers for management information base (MIB) objects; and

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the combined text-interface generator and HTTP client transmits to the combined HTTP server and SNMP manager messages that contain identifiers for MIB objects in response to input received from a user.

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41 - 49. (Cancelled)

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50. (Previously Added) A network device comprising:

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a simple network management protocol (SNMP) agent, wherein the SNMP agent has direct access to configuration data stored in said access device;

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means for combining hypertext transport protocol (HTTP) server and SNMP manager, wherein the means for combining HTTP server and SNMP manager only accesses said configuration data by communicating with said SNMP agent; and

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means for combining text-interface generator and HTTP client, wherein the means for combining text-interface generator and HTTP client only accesses said configuration data by

requesting the means for combining HTTP server and SNMP manager to communicate with said SNMP agent, so that all safety mechanisms are built into the SNMP agent to enhance security.

51. (Previously Added) The network device of claim 50, wherein:

the means for combining HTTP server and SNMP manager generates hypertext mark-up language (HTML) documents that include anchors that contain identifiers for management information base (MIB) objects; and

the means for combining text-interface generator and HTTP client transmits to the means for combining HTTP server and SNMP manager messages that contain identifiers for MIB objects in response to input received from a user.

52. (Previously Added) The network device of claim 50, further comprising a user interface, said interface being optimized for speed and navigability.

53. (Previously Added) The network device of claim 52, wherein the user interface is a duplicate in look-and-feel of a text menu system.

54 - 62. (Cancelled)

63. (Previously Added) A computer readable medium containing executable instructions which, when executed in a processing system, causes the system to perform a method, the method comprising:

providing a simple network management protocol (SNMP) agent, wherein the SNMP agent has direct access to configuration data stored in said access device;

combining hypertext transport protocol (HTTP) server and SNMP manager, wherein the combined HTTP server and SNMP manager only accesses said configuration data by communicating with said SNMP agent; and

combining text-interface generator and HTTP client, wherein the combined text-interface generator and HTTP client only accesses said configuration data by requesting said combined HTTP server and SNMP manager to communicate with said SNMP agent, so that all safety mechanisms are built into the SNMP agent to enhance security.

64. (Previously Added) The computer readable medium of claim 63 wherein:

the combined HTTP server and SNMP manager generates hypertext mark-up language (HTML) documents that include anchors that contain identifiers for management information base (MIB) objects; and

the combined text-interface generator and HTTP client transmits to the combined HTTP server and SNMP manager messages that contain identifiers for MIB objects in response to input received from a user.

65. (Previously Added) The computer readable medium of claim 63, wherein the method further comprises providing a user interface, said interface being optimized for speed and navigability.

66. (Previously Added) The computer readable medium of claim 65, wherein the user interface is a duplicate in look-and-feel of a text menu system.